

DAILY RECORD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1913

A new manner of catching rats is exciting great interest among the returned householders in Madison ave. A barrel filled half full of water. A layer of powdered cork is laid on its surface, and over this a layer of corn meal is sifted. A chair and a box or two are placed unobtrusively in the neighborhood, whereby the rats gain the edge of the barrel. He sees nothing but the meal. He has no innate ideas which teach him to beware of the treacherous foundation on which that tempting surface rests. He sniffs, he leaps, and goes gently down through meal and cork to his watery grave. If any of his friends see him disappear from the edge of the barrel, they hasten after him to get their share of the probable plunder, and are in turn taken in by his fatal death. The plan seems effective to destroy their confidence in human nature. —New York Tribune.

An article in a late issue of the Christian Advocate represents the numerical growth and status of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York city and adjacent counties compared with the other large denominations, from which it appears that within the city the Methodists are less in number than the Presbyterians, Episcopalians or Baptists. In the nine counties around the city the Methodists stand first. Taking the city and counties together the Presbyterians are first and the Methodists second.

Nearly fifty persons were received into membership in the Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on a late Sabbath, and there was scarcely standing room around the pulpit for the large number of candidates. Tears of gratitude and joy trickled down the faces of parents, brothers and sisters, as they witnessed their loved ones gather into the fold. Then followed a communion service, some thirty hundred christened brethren of various denominations receiving the sacrament together.

CAN ANIMALS CURSE?—Mr. Horgan says: "The mule is supposed to be able to count five, at least; and this is considered to be established by the following observation: There is a short branch line of omnibuses in New Orleans, where each mule makes the journey five times successively before being changed. The veterinary surgeon of these animals called attention to the fact that at the end of each of the first four journeys they are silent, but as they approach the end of the fifth they neigh."

CLOSE.—Colusa and Tehama elect Simpson (Ind.) to the Assembly over Brown (Dem.) by a majority of two votes. Simpson is for Booth for the Senate. The official count in El Dorado makes Frazer (Rep.) Senator by eight votes. Frazer is an avowed Booth man.

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